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## GOOD LUCK SPITFIRES

As Kent prepare for their first Lord's final in 11 years club captain Rob Key talks about just how important the game is for the county – See sport



# CRUNCH VICTIMS' FREE FOOD

THE credit crunch has hit an increasing number of people in Shepway so hard they are relying on food parcels from the Salvation Army.

Folkestone is the first town in the UK to see a scheme where tinned food donated by supermarket giants Sainsbury's is distributed to those on the breadline via the Christian group.

The Salvation Army originated its food distribution programme to assist the homeless – but members have seen a marked increase in take-up of its free breakfasts and afternoon donations.

Tony Barr Community Care Officer

### EXCLUSIVE

■ BY NICK AMES

for Folkestone said: "It shows the credit crunch is hitting people. We started out by offering free breakfasts and saw an increasing number of people coming through the doors of our centre. Then Sainsbury's stepped in offering tinned goods and they have been taken up very eagerly."

"It seems as more and more people are experiencing financial problems they are turning to us. It partially about the benefits system as well. As

people change, say from sickness benefit to unemployment benefit, then they may experience a period when they have no money coming in."

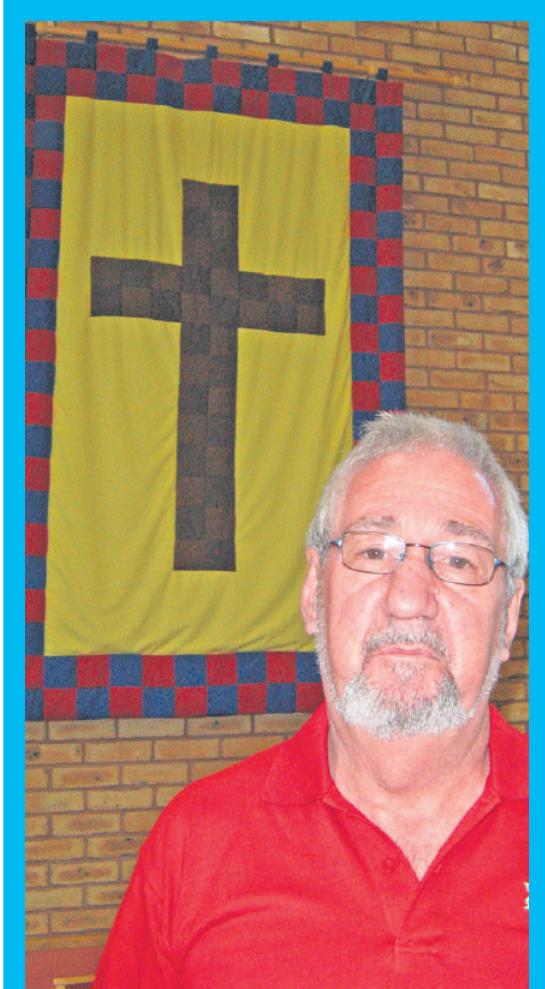
"So they are coming to us for help – which we are only too pleased to offer."

Nationally Sainsbury's run charitable schemes to donate food which has its packaging damaged to charity.

But Folkestone is the only town in Britain where the Salvation Army is the recipient.

Louise Tallett is duty manager at the West Park Farm branch.

She said: "We are very pleased to put food that may be wasted back into the community and when times are hard we want to help."



## HELPING HANDS

Tony Barr explains the Salvation Army's work and says any donations to its premises in Canterbury Road, Folkestone, are very welcome.

To see how you can help the people in Folkestone who are struggling to afford food, go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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# Funding would be used to give street a boost

## EXCLUSIVE

■ BY NICK AMES

A MILLION pound bid to 'reinvent' Tontine Street is being considered by the Government as part of its nationwide Sea Change project.

The plan is aimed at improving the cultural aspects of life in Britain's coastal towns and a decision is expected in October.

It is seen as another important development in the regeneration of Folkestone and a major boost for the lower part of the town.

A combination of Shepway council, Kent County Council and the Creative Foundation are behind the appeal for £1.55 million.

The cash would be used to make the area, which is largely rundown, a centre for street theatre, festivals, music, markets and 'cafe culture'.

Shepway Council's economic development boss Malcolm Dearden said: "We need to transform the perception of the Tontine Street area which in the 19th century and early 20th was the shopping hub of the town.

"We want to turn it into a place for cultural activities – or somewhere people can just sit and watch the world go by."

"But we also want to hear what people think the area should become – whether they be part of the business community, students or residents."

"Anyone with an interest in the future of Folkestone can put forward their views."

"We want to make the area a meeting place for people where they can enjoy the best local entertainment."

If the bid is successful the area would have to be transformed by 2010 in order to meet Government deadlines.

The Sea Change project was initiated by the Department for Culture Media and Sport and recently approved a £3.8 million scheme for a cable car and other improvements to the area around Dover Castle.

Tourism Minister Margaret Hodge said: "The scheme is all about kick-starting regeneration through cultural investment in our seaside communities, helping to preserve their heritage and encourage new and exciting projects."



Picture KEVIN McGARRY

THE Folkestone Triennial and Costa Coffee are teaming up to host a photography competition.

They are looking for photographers of all ages to join them at 10am next Tuesday (August 19) at Costa Coffee in the town centre to enter the photography and be in with the chance of winning an iPod and the title of Best Photograph, Triennial 2008. Entrants will have until midday on August 22 to submit their pictures.

## Our Olympic blogger's rundown on Beijing

MIDDLE distance runner Lisa Dobriskay is writing an exclusive daily diary for KOS Media during the Olympic Games.

The 24-year-old from Ashford is competing in the 1500m at Beijing, where she will look to add to the Commonwealth Games title she won in Melbourne two years ago.

Turn to page 51 to read her thoughts on the first few days in Team GB's training camp in Macau.

For the latest entries, log on to [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) throughout the Games.

## Eight hours in hospital after pit bull attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a woman in her 40s was attacked by an American Pit Bull dog.

She was walking her own dog near the former The Rotunda site in Marine Parade, when the pit bull, which was not on a lead started attacking her dog.

It then bit her on the hand causing her to receive hospital treatment for more than eight hours.

After the attack, the victim said she spoke to a woman aged in her early 30s who had a Welsh accent and admitted to owning the pit bull. She was 5ft 4in tall with short brown hair.

## Gold-toothed attacker robbed worker of £20

A KNIFE-wielding robber forced a Shepway council worker to give up cash during a robbery in Hythe.

The victim was weeding the banks of the Royal Military Canal on July 30 just after 11am when the robber struck. The man was forced to hand over £20 and the attacker then left the scene in the direction of Waitrose.

The thief is described as being of Asian appearance and about 5ft 10 ins tall. He also had the distinctive feature of a number of gold teeth in both his upper and lower jaw.

## Shopping centre now has even more to offer

THREE new stores have taken up vacant units in the Bouvierie Place Shopping Centre in the middle of Folkestone.

Studz, a barber shop, Ashley Jewellers and fast food outlet Subway will all offer customers more of a choice in the mall which has become extremely popular.

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# Brutal rapist caught after seven-year gap

## DNA match is enough to see Bennett jailed

■ BY NICK AMES

A CUSTOMS officer has been convicted of raping a single mother seven years ago – after police took his DNA as part of an unrelated probe.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, was arrested in February this year on suspicion of raping a woman in Folkestone in December 2000, after cold case detectives matched his genetic profile against a national police database.

He was found guilty of three counts of rape and one of kidnap following the hearing.

Maidstone Crown Court heard Kent Police found a sample provided following an unspecified allegation by his ex-partner in June 2007, was a "full match" against that of an alleged rape on December 9, 2000.

The jury heard Bennett, from Birmingham, set upon the woman after grabbing her from behind as she walked to her mum's house. He was living in Dover at the time.

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, described how she walked home from



VICTIOUS: Kelvin Bennett raped his victim three times

watching a band at her local pub with friends.

She told the court: "I felt someone grab me from behind so that I couldn't fight or break away. The next minute I was on the floor.

"I was trying to get up, but couldn't because my legs were being held so I was struggling.

"I started screaming hoping someone would hear me and help, but no one did.

"The next minute I was being put into the car and driven away. I was crying – I asked him what he was going to do."

The court heard how the 21-year-old, who is now 29, was attacked after pausing briefly to make a phone call to her boyfriend to tell him she loved him.

She screamed so loud that it alerted two

neighbours at around 2.30am – who came out onto the dimly-lit street. But the single-mum was driven away before residents could investigate what was happening.

She described how she was taken to secluded countryside spots before being raped three times.

She said: "He climbed on top and raped me. I was crying. He said he would have to kill me, but I said 'please let me go'."

She described her attacker as "a coloured man with a goatee beard and long black hair".

Prosecutor Cairns Nelson told the court the woman was then dumped in a dark lane before she ran to a country house where she raised help.

Mr Nelson added Bennett was at the time involved in targeting cross-Channel bootleggers.

He described Bennett as "a ladies' man" who enjoyed trawling nightspots to pick up women – but had to keep a low profile because of his job.

He said: "Kelvin Bennett lived something of a double life. Several times he went clubbing to meet ladies. He considered himself to be something of a ladies man.

"For more than six years in this case the perpetrator was unknown – he must have thought he got away with it."

The team responsible for the conviction was composed of a group of officers who have been specifically assigned to reinvestigate unsolved rapes and murders from the 1960s onwards – using new technology to cast fresh light on previous offences.

Det Chief Insp David Withers said: "This is a particularly satisfying result because the offender had eluded justice for a long time.

"But the law eventually caught up with him and his victim has the satisfaction of knowing he's about to serve his sentence behind bars.

"I hope this case highlights to everyone that rapists come from all walks of life."

Bennett will be sentenced at the same court on September 3.

## Sat navs stolen as thieves target cars

FOUR vehicles were broken into during a series of thefts in Hawkinge.

A mobile phone, wallet and two satellite navigation systems were stolen during the break in which targeted a Vauxhall Movano, a Mercedes van, a VW van and a Citroen. The side windows were smashed in each case.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the offences which took place in Stansfield Avenue, Pritchard Drive, Paxton Avenue and Mayfly Drive.

Anyone with information should call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or Folkestone police on 01303 850055.

## Carriage gets a lift

THE fund to restore the 1890 Leas Step Lift Carriage has now raised £17,500 of the £25,000 needed.

The restoration appeal was set up in October 2006 to turn the last surviving stepped lift carriage into a tourist attraction. In 1966, the eastern tracks linking the Leas to the seafront were closed.

The website for anyone wishing to help is [www.leaslift.org.uk](http://www.leaslift.org.uk).

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## ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING

AN EXHIBITION called The King and I featuring images of Elvis Presley is on display this week at Georges House Gallery at the top of Folkestone's Old High Street.

It uses painting, print and sculpture to create images of the king of rock'n'roll 30 years after his death. Among the most striking exhibits is a representation of Elvis' face made from beer bottle tops and other items include postcards, newspapers headlines and textile wall hangings.

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## Soldier driven on by her mum's support

LIKE all parents of soldiers in Afghanistan, Kirsty Hamer's mum Sharon worries about her daughter being in a warzone.

However, she only has herself to blame – as it was her who suggested the idea of joining the Army to Private Hamer, 20, from Stanhope, Ashford.

Almost immediately after joining her unit in January, she was told she would be going to Afghanistan.

"It's exciting because you join the Army to do this," said the driver with the Royal Logistics Corps. "This is the real thing."

After leaving Christ Church school, Pte Hamer was unsure what to do for a career.

"I had a couple of jobs, but I wasn't a very well-behaved teenager so I had to do something."

Her mother saw an advert for a course run by an ex-soldier for youngsters interested in joining the military and persuaded her daughter to go along.

Now, Pte Hamer is a driver at Kandahar airbase in southern Afghanistan and her duties include getting behind the wheel of ambulances.

## Scottish family have their base in the city

FOR Andy Scott, as with most of the men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), his base in Canterbury is a long way from his Scottish homeland.

But Private Scott, 29, from Paisley, said he and his wife, Cheryl, love the cathedral city.

"I like Canterbury," he said. "It's a lovely city. It's scenic and there's quite a lot to do for families."

He has been based there for four-and-a-half years.

When he was last home in June, he and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Abbey. Pte Scott, who works in the supplies section at Camp Bastion, the main British base in Helmand Province, said he missed his daughter.

"My dad and wife sent pictures and videos, it's a wee bit hard," he said.

But he is able to speak to his wife every day on the phone and said the battalion organises activities to keep families at home busy.

Pte Scott has been in the Army for six years, serving in Bosnia and Iraq, but said the Afghan tour was probably the toughest.



Picture: CAPT ANDY WHITEHEAD

# Troops are bringing



**ON TOUR:** British forces are bringing stability to the area through their continued efforts, as explained to Jamie McGinnes by Capt Stevie Rae in the middle picture. Far right is the Sutherland Highlanders on parade before they were sent to Helmand Province in Afghanistan

Jamie McGinnes, the award-winning reporter from our sister paper Kent on Sunday, jetted into Afghanistan last week to get the lowdown on life on the frontline. In a special report filed from the notorious Helmand Province, McGinnes reveals what life is like for the Kent-based troops as they wage war against the Taliban.



WHEN soldiers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) were sent to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delhi, in southern Helmand Province, the outlook was bleak.

After travelling from Howe Barracks, Canterbury, in March, around 120 troops went straight into the action at the fortified outpost in Garmisir, near the small town of Darvisham.

"When A Company arrived at FOB Delhi,

the frontline was 200m away and they were fighting for the first two months – intense fighting," Captain Stevie Rae, spokesman for 5 Scots, explained. "Now, with the assistance of the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), the community are back in the town."

The arrival of the 2,000-strong American force was too much for the Taliban to handle.

Capt Rae said: "It wasn't long after A Company arrived that MEU conducted their operation in the south. The Taliban were caught off guard and were clearly overwhelmed with the speed of ISAF (Inter-

## Sergeant turns up the heat to acclimatise

JOGGING in temperatures in excess of 50C may seem like madness to Britons used to summers that are half as hot.

But for Sergeant Jamie Wright, 34, from Chatham, it helped him acclimatise to desert conditions in Afghanistan.

And the RAF flight operations manager at Kandahar airbase, who has previously been based in the Falklands, the Gulf and Cyprus, waits until it is hottest.

"The heat's fine – I go running in it," he said. "I have to run at the hottest times of the day to get acclimatised."

Sgt Wright's job is an important – and sensitive – one. He briefs RAF flight crews on

routes they can take and warns them of potential trouble spots.

"The picture changes all the time," he said. "It's a daily cycle of new information."

As well as military personnel and freight, the aircraft he works with often carry dignitaries; visitors include defence secretary Des Browne and Tory leader David Cameron.

Kandahar airbase has previously been under rocket attack by insurgents. No-one has been hit, but they have still caused alarm.

"There are natural worries when you get rocketed, but that's all quietened down now," said Sgt Wright.



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# life back to normal

national Security Assistance Force) troops."

As a result, life for civilians in the area has begun returning to normal.

"Businesses have opened, shops are trading, people are back in their houses and farmers in the fields," said Capt Rae. "This is something we didn't expect to see in six months. For us it's massive progress."

Around 550 soldiers from 5 Scots were sent to Afghanistan in March. As part of Battle Group North West, they are spread around an area covering 100,000sq miles, where 100,000 people live.

At Now Zad, 60 miles north of the provincial capital Lashkar Gah, 5 Scots have been working with Estonian troops.

In the town of Musa Qala, recaptured from the Taliban in December with the help of Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment, Delta Company have been involved in "surge operations", hunting out the Taliban. The town, which is also home to the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals and US Marine Corps, has seen rocket and mortar attacks, small arms fire and suicide bombings.

The Argylls' B Company – about 120 soldiers – are in Lashkar Gah.

FOB Edinburgh, 7km from Musa Qala, is home to more of 5 Scots, as well as Kentish soldiers from the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Capt Rae said the isolation of the outpost meant it was formidable to attack: "It's so far from civilisation that if anyone's going to attack we can see them for kilometres."

The main threats to the base, which was only built at the start of this year, are improvised explosive devices, rockets or mortars, but it has not been targeted, said Capt Rae.

The Kent battalion's tour of Helmand has not been without setbacks, however.

At the end of June, Lance Corporal James "Jimmy" Johnson, 31, who grew up in



Chatham, was killed while part of a vehicle checkpoint patrol in the Lashkar Gar area.

And the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel David Richmond, was shot in the leg during a firefight near Musa Qala. He was the most senior British casualty since the 2001 invasion.

Speaking in March, he said his battalion's job was to "disrupt" the Taliban: "It is about progress. We're not going to win the Afghan campaign in our six months."

The Argylls are due to return to Canterbury in September.

## Brave private tells of an 'annoying' attack



PRIVATE Josh Alder, 19, from Rainham, arrived in Afghanistan in May and in mid-June was called out from Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, near Musa Qala, to help clear Taliban fighters.

Working alongside Afghan National Army soldiers, about 100 US Marines, and supported by troops from 5 Scots, they began their 'advance to contact' at about midnight. The mission did not end until 24 hours later.

In the face of a show of force against which they stood no chance, the Taliban retreated north. As the British troops trekked after them, the mood became more tense when intercepted radio chatter revealed the Taliban were preparing an ambush.

"They were saying, 'the RPGs (rocket-propelled grenade launchers) and AKs are ready for the British' and that they could see us only 200 metres away," said Pte Alder, who is in a reconnaissance platoon of the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment. However, the sound of gunfire elsewhere revealed the Taliban had mistaken the US Marines for British soldiers.

Pte Alder continued the Americans radioed in an air strike.

That night, Pte Alder and the other soldiers moved into the desert and camped out before returning to base.

During a later mission to search villages near Musa Qala, thought to be harbouring Taliban fighters, soldiers found a bomb-making factory. After paying a family they commandeered their home for the night – and were attacked. The assault began with an RPG exploding over their heads, followed by machine gun fire.

"We'd been working 18 hours solid and we were starting to relax, so it was quite annoying," said Pte Alder.

He took cover in the family's prayer room and some of the soldiers were ordered on top of the compound to return fire, backed up by Warrior armoured vehicles.

The battle went on for 45 minutes before artillery was called in.

"That dropped 15 high explosive shells on the village and that was it. That stopped them," explained Pte Alder.

The former Brompton College pupil joined the Army at the age of 16 two years ago.

"The days are long, you carry a lot of equipment, it stretches you mentally and trying to stay alert all the time is hard," he said.

While outside their base, soldiers are expected to carry on average about 80lbs of kit, not including their weapons, which themselves can weigh more than 30lbs.



### Nurturing the green, green grass of home

TROOPS have turned a small corner of Kandahar airbase into a green haven.

Lance Corporal Ernest Tabi, 29, from Welling, helped create the square of grass, as well as a flag and rockery – the only one of its kind at the desert-locked site in Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan.

A previous attempt to grow grass donated by Australian soldiers failed, but seeds given by Afghans have taken hold. However, the blades have to be watered every morning to keep them alive.

LCpl Tabi, an administrator with 6 Supply Regiment, said: "It's the only bit of green we see around here. It's something nice to look at and reminds us of home."

Although it is 20km from Kandahar City, the airbase's isolated setting has not spared it from the insurgents. Recent weeks have been quiet, but there were 40 attacks in two-months at the start of the summer.

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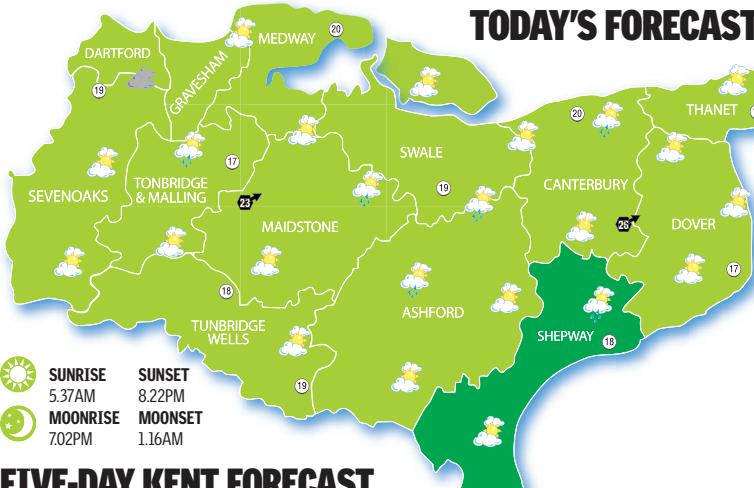
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Chatham	19°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	19°C
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Dover	18°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
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Folkestone	18°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
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## Marsh music set to draw crowds

A FOLK festival is set to rock Romney Marsh starting on Friday, August 15, and running over the following weekend.

Featuring mainly local acts, it will be held next to the Star Inn, St Mary in the Marsh.

Last year around 700 people attended Music on the Marsh and organisers Kerry Hearn and Mandy Baker are expecting more this year.

Proceeds will be shared between the Demelza House children's hospice and the Kent Air Ambulance.

Kerry said: "This all came about by accident really and is an extension of the acoustic music events we organised in the pub."

"Last year we felt it might be good to have an event as the bands and performers were becoming more popular and so it all started. This year we are expecting around 1,500 people as interest has snowballed."

"The music will be a mix with some original material and some standards and cover versions. During the day it will be a very family orientated event with the music getting rockier in the evening."

To see Kerry explain more go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

## Cops' in kickabout

A GROUP of police officers and PCSOs are gearing up for a tough football match.

Youngsters aged 11-14 from villages near Folkestone will be competing against each other and the police team, for the Community Challenge Cup organised by PC Trevor Moody and KCC Wardens.

PC Moody launched the annual cup tournament in Hawkinge in 2006 in response to complaints from local youngsters they had nowhere to play football.

It will be taking place at Capel Primary School, Capel-le-Ferne from 11am tomorrow (Thursday, August 14).

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# Farmland bucking market downturn

BY ED HILL

HOUSE prices may be crumbling due to the credit crunch, but farmland prices are digging their heels in and remaining buoyant.

And that will provide some good news for those making a living off the land as prices for good quality areas show no sign of slowing.

According to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, farmland in the South East jumped by 24 per cent in the first half of this year.

The price of good quality arable land is fetching around £14,500 per hectare. It was previously going for around £10,000 and pasture is being sold at about £9,000.

The sharp rise in price of productive farm land is due to the rise of commodities such as wheat and sugar. Farmland is now an attractive investment for major corporations, particularly as demand for food grows ever stronger from countries such as India and China.

Trevor Hines from the RICS said: "Ever-rising commodity prices have pushed the price of farmland to record highs as farmers and investors compete for arable land."

However, the demand for land from big investors is making it tougher for smaller farms to survive.

The number of farms sales has increased by 50 per cent according to the rural market survey carried out by the institute.

The uncertain future of agriculture has also meant a marked drop in so-called lifestyle buyers looking to leave the city to enjoy a rural way of life.

Mr Hines added: "However, the days of the lifestyle buyer are on the wane. The rise of the credit crunch is putting an end to city expansion into the country as the precarious financial situation has made city slickers rethink their lifestyle priorities."

Richard Thomas from the Chartered surveyors Humberst in Challock said: "We predicted residential farm prices stabilising in our figures last December. This appeared to be correct. Amenity and residential buyers are on the back foot after the credit crunch for all but the most competitively priced units. Bare land is holding up but farmers are rattled by the huge jump in input costs."



GROWING CONCERN: Farmland for sale near the village of Wye could now get a better price

## Money on offer

A FUNDING scheme has been set up to help with community and voluntary projects across the district.

Dover District Council and Kent County Council have set aside funds for the Dover District Neighbourhood Forums and are inviting groups to apply for grants.

Up to £5,000 can be given to each community or voluntary organisation to go towards capital projects which are beneficial to the area.

KCC has put together application packs for the Small Community Capital Projects fund. Downloaded them at [www.dover.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/funding.asp](http://www.dover.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/funding.asp).

The closing date for applications is August 29, 2008.

For more information contact Will Farmer, KCC community liaison manager, on 01622 656911.

## Stage star Ben

A BUDDING young actor from Dover has won a starring role in the Marlowe Youth Theatre's summer production, Lost Things.

Ben Steele, 15, of Buckland Avenue, is also featuring in a new EU commissioned film called Washed Up, which is being previewed at the Berlin Film Festival and will find its way onto our screens next year.

The teenager, who started acting at the Dover-based Blackfish Academy, won the role of Lord Tinkle T Daft-Wager in Lost Things following an audition on Wednesday, August 6.

As part of his character he must improvise with the audience and sing Posh from Ian Fleming's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Through his acting, Ben has met many well-known faces, including fantasy author Robert Rankin who visited to Canterbury Library.

Tickets to Lost Things are available at the Marlowe on 01227 787787 and cost £5.

## It's party time

THE Ramada Hotel in Dover is getting into the festive spirit already by inviting guests to book up their Christmas Party.

The four-star hotel in Whitfield provides a Christmas menu, a disco and a special rate for those wishing to stay the night.

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# Casual but smart way to combat hospital germs

DOCTORS have been told to ditch traditional long-sleeved white coats, shirts and ties for a dress code to help infection control.

The rules have sparked controversy among the county's consultants, with some questioning the scientific evidence behind the move.

There are also concerns some patients may think they have gone through their hospital stay without seeing a "proper" doctor.

Conventional garb of tailored suits, long sleeve-shirts and turnover cuffs, ties bearing university, medical school or Royal College insignia, wristwatches and a pen in the top pocket of the jacket is now banned and could constitute a disciplinary offence in some hospitals.

"Bare below the elbows" is now in vogue, including no watch, so hands can be properly washed.

Doctors have also been told not to wear ties, because they are rarely washed and have been shown to harbour germs, although bow ties are allowed under the NHS-wide directive from the Department of Health.

East Kent Hospitals University

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

NHS Trust began enforcing the new uniform policy in July.

Dr John Sewell, a consultant physician at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said it was important for the public to be made aware of the change and that it was being introduced to highlight the commitment to tackling infection and improving hygiene.

"Patients may be disconcerted when they see an open neck and short sleeves and may think it is casual or even disrespectful," he said.

"It is useful to highlight the fact that consultants are changing what they wear so people know it is not dressing down, it is part of infection control. Some may disagree, but the general feeling is it reminds everyone to wash their hands."

He said in some specialties consultants feel it could be seen as disrespectful to impart bad or upsetting news to patients and loved ones while so casually dressed. Dr Sewell welcomed KOS



Media's successful hand hygiene campaign, which has emphasised the need for patients and visitors to wash their hands with soap and water and alcohol in hospitals and other healthcare centres around the county.

An alternative to the new dress code could be that all staff wear scrubs as they do in most other European countries. Perhaps in different colours to identify doctors' specialities, it has been suggested.

Dr Sewell said: "Most hospitals have so few changing rooms there would be a queue to get in and out, so it is just not practical and the laundries are not geared up for it yet."

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust confirmed the dress code is now in force.

## Farmers are waiting to whet London's appetite

A BID to get more food produced by the county's farmers onto the dinner tables of London has been launched.

Damian Collins, the Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, is spearheading the move.

He is calling on advisors to London Mayor Boris Johnson and his recently appointed chair of London food, Rosie Boycott, to rec-

ommend local produce. A meeting was held at a farm in Aldington, near Ashford, last week to highlight the move which is part of the London Food Strategy - a proposal launched by former mayor Ken Livingstone to help farmers.

It calls for country products to be on sale in greater amounts at the capital's wholesale markets - mainly patronised by restaurants.

Mr Collins contacted the Lon-

don Assembly member for Bexley and Bromley, James Cleverly, who also attended the meeting.

Mr Collins said: "London has always been a big market for Kent food, but I would like to see more help for local producers in London. Mr Cleverly has an important position within the government of London and we want to impress upon him how supplying more top quality, fresh

Kent food into London will be good for our farmers, and good for London customers as well.

"Many local farmers were interested in Ken Livingstone's original proposal to create a London Food Strategy, but frustrated that little was done to make it easier for farmers and producers in the counties around London to sell their food into the capital - one of the stated aims of the strategy."

## How KCC lost £1 million by agreeing to burn rubbish

A DECISION made a decade ago by Kent County Council is costing the authority almost £1 million a year profit, a council chief admitted this week.

By signing an agreement in the mid-90s to burn waste, the council has missed out on the profits from recycling.

"Green gold" has become an important source of revenue for councils, with cash for such things as cardboard, newspapers and plastic bottles used to fund public services.

The decision to take on a contract with an incinerator means KCC has missed out on much of this potential windfall.

The soaring price of recycled materials has risen so sharply that less than halfway into a 25 year deal with a private company specialising in incineration KCC is trying to renegotiate.

"At the time it looked a good deal," said Keith Ferrin the council's cabinet member for environmental and waste services. "Ten years later I would say never again. If I could get out of the long term contract I have inherited I would do that. Over the course of a year we could make just under £1 million profit."

The agreement was for a private contractor to incinerate 320,000 tonnes of waste annually. It was reached before the incinerator had even been built so it had to be for 25 years.

But few forecast the huge growth in the re-use of material that had been classed as rubbish in the mid-nineties.

Now much of the rubbish is too valuable to burn and much of the plastic the council formerly had removed is requested by companies in exchange for cash.

Serious price increases in such substances as copper - 15 times more valuable than it was six years ago - have helped spur on the recycling boom which has become more important to businesses than simply saving the planet.



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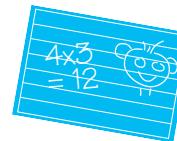
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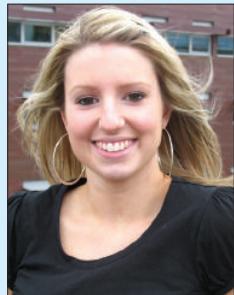


## CASE STUDY: LAST-MINUTE APPLICATION

LUCY Hall, who has just completed the first year of her creative events course at the University of Kent, had to apply to study through clearing after making a late decision to study for a degree.

She said she felt the UCAS website was helpful and told her what she needed to do and how to complete an application.

The 19-year-old said: "I believe Kent saw my potential, even though my A-levels



were slightly lower than expected."

"If you don't get the grades, or if you decide to apply last-minute, you can still succeed," she added.

"Everyone I spoke to during clearing was helpful and efficient."

"It wasn't stressful at all. But I would recommend being well prepared for the day clearing starts (on Thursday), and being persistent does you no harm either."

# University's just a phone call away

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

Greenwich at Medway's clearing centre, said: "Our aim is to give the vast majority of applicants a decision or offer during the course of their first phone call to us."

Beverley Woodhams, from the university, said she has matched hundreds of students to courses through clearing when their grades have been lower than they expected.

She told students not to be stressed because there are far more places to study than there are students, she said:

"Remember, it's a buyers' market and you hold the currency."

Each year 30,000 people gain a place during clearing, which closes on Friday, September 12. UCAS said vacancies on its website will be updated continually throughout the period.

At Hadlow College Neil Lakeland said students should not give up

their dreams and there are plenty of career opportunities for those who take the time to look.

He said: "Entry onto our foundation degrees starts at just 80 UCAS points, with honours degrees from 160 UCAS points. This means people can still get a good degree in a land-based field and ultimately achieve a good career. Even if you can't get your first choice, I'd advise students to take a careful look – they will be surprised at the range."

Steve Holdcroft, Canterbury's head of information, recruitment and admissions, offered further advice, including being flexible when looking at courses and picking one that is related to subjects chosen at school. He warned that places on popular courses are filled by mid-morning on results day and advised students not to delay calling.

Admissions officers are also more likely to be impressed by students who have thought about what they want and prepared questions to ask, he added.

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## I'll never understand rubbish idea of fortnightly collections

GOING green and saving the planet is an irritating business for most of us – but for the council staff employed to oversee our rubbish disposal, it remains a cause of excitement and gives them purpose.

It means more rules that they can apply. It means more burden they can dump on already financially stretched and harassed council tax payers and – better than that – it means they can even send people nasty letters if they accidentally stick a bit of cardboard in with glass for recycling.

Young spotty leaving some former polytechnic with his useless degree could never have expected his job in waste management could have led him to such a plethora of exciting powers that he could chuck about and make him feel like a man.

And he knows he'll have some recycling zealots backing him up, no matter how stupid the rubbish rules become.

Recycling zealots are of course more irritat-

ing than the anti-smoking brigade.

They celebrate their separation techniques, tell you how they wash tins cans and rinse milk cartons before placing them in the right box.

Well I say get a life. I don't want to be cleaning old packaging just so somebody else can sort it without getting dry tuna on their rubber glove. I do not have the time. That is why I pay my council tax so that my rubbish is spirited away and someone else worries about it.

But wait, I am sure there are those of you reading this who think recycling is exciting, necessary and the only way ahead.

I ask you just to support me on one thing...

There is no excuse – on this earth – for fortnightly food waste collections. Food waste smells and rots. It is a health hazard. It attracts vermin.

But no matter what EU imposed rules councils claim they are forced to follow to meet recycling targets, we still need to have our food waste bins emptied. Weekly.

The wheelie bins provided by our council are hopeless, far too small for a normal family. Our dustmen (sorry refuse collectors) are a reasonable bunch of blokes doing a crap job most of

us would prefer not to. Why, though, if there is an extra bag of rubbish alongside the wheelie bin do they just leave it?

Worse than that, if you miss putting your bins out, it means you could end up with a chicken carcass that is a month old by the time it is finally collected.

In an effort to escape this outrage I made the trip to the council dump last weekend to chuck ordinary dustbin waste into a huge machine, labelled 'household waste'. Fantastic. No sorting, no recycling, no worrying whether they notice the dead plant from the garden. Gone.

So, recycling's all well and good when I have the time. But I don't, so I'll pay others to do it. Go ahead, guys, save the planet, fill your boots, but come the next council elections I shall support the councillor, and party, which promises to reinstate the weekly waste collection.

I urge you all to do the same and end this madness.

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# yourletters

## TALK TIME

### AMY FENECK

The artist and writer has set up an unusual live action display as part of the Triennial Fringe, using one of the funicular lifts which runs down the Leas cliff to the seafront.



#### What have you done to the carriage?

By blacking it out totally I have converted the whole carriage into a pinhole camera. It's still going up and down as normal but it gives people a totally different view of what is out there.

#### So what do they see?

Well the outside is visible so you can see the sea and the sky and even the other carriage which counterbalances the system as it goes up and down. But it is a very different look at the outside projected on a screen on the carriage side and on other parts of the inside as well. People are usually most surprised to see the other carriage as it undergoes its journey up and down the tracks.

#### What has been the response?

Actually some people have found it all a bit claustrophobic. It really is pitch black inside the carriage and when I go outside even after just one trip up or down it takes me a while to adjust. But at the same time people have been very interested and say it has really given them a new perspective on the views from the Leas down to the seafront. For those who take the ride there is a free poster and a poem I have written on the reverse of the paper so they can take something away with them.

For a chance to see how Amy created her display go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

## YOUR LETTERS

### The unvarnished truth about theft

MANY people will not understand the fuss being made about the girl who broke the seal of a £6.25p nail varnish to test the contents and who was unable to pay for the bottle.

Last week's letter and other reports have made her sound like a victim.

If I went into a store and broke the seal on a whisky bottle to taste the contents, I would be expected to pay for it. I certainly didn't put it back on the shelf.

### Manager's threats were too much

Re the letter in your paper dated July 30 from John Barber: although the girl was in the wrong to break the seal on the bottle of nail varnish and it was right that her parents were called, is he really saying the security guard was right to threaten this child with prison for theft?

This is something that should have been sorted out with her parents when they arrived at the store.

If this is what he is saying he has no right to be in the job he holds as Folkestone town centre manager.

B Harman  
Hythe

### Rob's the Key to our cricket success

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Bryan Coombes  
Dover

## Triennial letters are truly moving

I was interested to see the piece on yourkentv about the whispers from the First World War, tapes which play to people as they sit on benches along the Leas at Folkestone.

The letters being read are truly moving and provide a real insight into the minds of the people who left this country to fight more than 90 years ago.

The exhibit is one of the best at the Triennial and combines real imagination with much poignancy.

Maria Hudson  
Folkestone

## Finally, a council with some sense

Thankfully Shepway council seems to have a good deal more common sense than the county authority.

No one thinks the sludge plant in Sellindge is a good idea and well done to them for making their views plain.

Let's hope KCC heeds their words and puts a stop to one of the most unpopular ideas it has ever put forward.

Andrew Brand  
Hythe

## What will be done about value loss?

As a Romney Marsh resident I must write to express my concern about the story saying house prices are dropping when the properties concerned are near to wind farms.

Did anyone realise this was

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going to be the case when plans for building them were put forward?

I did not see any sign that they did – but now it seems to be an acknowledged fact what is going to be done about it?

If the Government wants to plough ahead with plans for more and more of these turbines there should also be a package of compensation involved for homeowners who are blighted.

**Malcolm Travers**  
New Romney

carparks for the foreseeable future.

**Colin Maddocks**  
Hythe

## Statue is about more than just this county

Last week your reader Christine Wilson wrote in saying the emblem of the south should be an Invicta White Horse – well this is all very well for the people of Kent but I'm sure Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire would have something to say about it.

The proposed statue for Ebbsfleet is supposed to represent the whole of the southern part of the UK – not just one county.

**Jerry Palmer**  
By email

felt there was no way it should have been a 15 film.

An 18 certificate would be far more appropriate for a movie which seemed to get its inspiration from the grotesque experiments carried out in the Nazi death camps of the Second World War.

Fans of the series should be made aware this film contains far darker material than the usual conspiracy theories about aliens and the odd ghost or two.

**Brian Amos**  
By email

## We all need to help to Move the Miner

It would be very good to see people getting behind the Dover Move the Miner campaign.

This is an extremely important statue when it comes to the area's history.

Mining was once an important local industry and it should not be forgotten by coming generations.

**Terry Hughes**  
Dover

## Cable car will make castle look trashy

Why does everything that happens in Dover seem to be for the detriment of the town?

The picturesque and imposing castle is one of the few local things which are any good – so why spoil it with some trashy cable car running up the side of a hill which only takes about 10 minutes to climb?

Left in its natural surroundings the castle is truly impressive – this idea will only make it look cheap.

**Phil Ambrose**  
Dover

## Lorry park would reduce our road hell

Your blogger is right to point out that the landscape above the White Cliffs is an important one.

But so for many people so is the idea of a lorry park.

The fact that vehicles are just left to block the M20 every time there is any suggestion of hold ups in the Channel is one which causes much anger in the part of Kent where I live.

No-one wants this park – but it has to be sighted somewhere or our traffic routes around the M20 will continue to be little more than

## A couple to believe in



## Not your traditional conspiracy movie

In the paper last week you carried a preview of the new X Files movie.

I saw this recently and while I enjoyed it and felt it was a good continuation of the TV series I also

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Gaming has long been an important component of onboard entertainment for cruise and ferry lines. Fast ferry service provider SpeedFerries, however, offers gaming entertainment to its passengers in a little different way, namely online.

The online gaming service [www.speedferriescasino.com](http://www.speedferriescasino.com) is

fully operated and managed by charitable gaming operator Paf, based in the Åland Islands, an autonomous province of Finland. "We are delighted to work with such a creative and entrepreneurial partner as SpeedFerries", says Anders Wiklund, head of business to business for Paf. "The online gaming service is an effective way for SpeedFerries to reach its passengers and increase customer service and loyalty beyond the brief time that they are onboard the ship", says Wiklund.

## Wide selection of games

Registered players at SpeedFerries Casino are currently able to enjoy games like slot machines, bingo, betting, lotteries, scratchcards, video poker as well as popular casino games like



DELIGHTED: Anders Wiklund, head of business to business for Paf

blackjack and roulette. In addition, there is often the opportunity to take part in special competitions on the gaming site.

Increasing the number of gaming categories offered at SpeedFerries Casino is a high priority, according to Wiklund. "Developing the service so that we can offer something for everyone is always at the top of our to-do list. We want to give our players the best possible gaming experience, and that includes being able to choose from a wide selection of games", says Wiklund.

## Everyone is a winner

The profits from the gaming service are split between SpeedFerries and Paf. The latter gives its whole share of the gaming profits to charity. "Not only are SpeedFerries, Paf and the players winners through our online gaming partnership, but charity organisations such as Save the Children and the Red Cross as well", states Wiklund. During the year 2007, Paf as a whole was able to distribute around 18 million euros to charity.

## About Paf

The Paf Group is a charitable gaming company operating under a licence from the Åland Islands government under an EU jurisdiction. Paf has been working with land-based and onboard gaming for over 40 years. In 1999 the company started its online gaming operations. The Paf Group employs some 400 people and has offices in Mariehamn, Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn. In 2007 the Paf Group's turnover amounted to approximately 105 million euros.

An advertisement for SpeedFerries Casino. It features a close-up of a red Formula 1 racing car on a track. The text "Betting on all major sports!" is prominently displayed in large white letters across the center. Below it, the text "Try your luck at [www.speedferriescasino.com](http://www.speedferriescasino.com)" is shown. At the bottom, a list of sports is provided: Football – Tennis – Motorsport – Athletics – Golf – Cycling.

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INSPIRATION: Barry Manilow's popular songs form the basis for the new musical Can't Smile Without You, starring Chesney Hawkes

# Barry is the one and only

Chesney Hawkes performs in Manilow tribute

KENT theatregoers will witness the world premiere of new Barry Manilow musical Can't Smile Without You.

Former pop star Chesney Hawkes plays the lead role in the show, which celebrates the timeless songs that have made Manilow such a well-loved performer all over the world. Featuring some of his most popular tracks, including Mandy, It's a Miracle, Could It Be Magic and the Grammy Award-winning Copacabana, it should be an unmissable treat for any fan.

The hits are strung along a storyline about a young band in search of fame, who are offered the chance to audition for the latest reality TV show. Lead singer Tony (Hawkes) is given the opportunity of a lifetime when he is asked to appear on the show, but a tragic accident ruins his plans. Tony is left with no memory, just his love of music and his feelings for a girl he once knew called Mandy – with the help of these lifelines, can he get his life back on track?

Following his starring role in the 1991 film Buddy's Song, Hawkes released soundtracksong The One and Only, which became the 20th most successful single of the 90s. He has since become a songwriter and is in demand as a performer on the university circuit, as well as appearing on Channel 4's reality show The Games and ITV's Hit Me Baby One More Time.



his 13th birthday.

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The boy went on to perform locally before enrolling at the New York College of Music and The Juilliard School under his mother's maiden name Manilow, Edna having legally changed both their surnames by this point.

His 1964 marriage to childhood sweetheart Susan Drexler founded two years later under the strain of his musical ambitions. Manilow was working as a commercial jingles writer and singer well into the 70s, including campaigns for Bowlene Toilet Cleaner, Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonalds.

His association with singer Bette Midler began in 1970 and his debut self-titled album was released in 1973. Since then he has sold more than 76 million records worldwide and has been named the Number One Adult Contemporary Artist by industry newspaper Radio & Records. He has been the headline act at the Las Vegas Hilton since 2005, continuing to entertain fans from all over the world.

Tickets for Can't Smile Without You are priced from £21 to £33. To book call 0870 060 6620 or visit [www.churchilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.churchilltheatre.co.uk).

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Sunday, August 17  
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Test your bravery by allowing a python or boa constrictor to wrap itself around your neck, or demonstrate your steely nature by letting a tarantula walk across your hand. The event is certainly not for the faint-hearted, but there will be experts on hand



to answer questions and help visitors to overcome their worries.

At previous Face Your Fears sessions, visitors have met 15ft python Monty, a 2ft Ackie Monitor and some rare scorpions.

The exciting event will be held in the mansion's Long Room from 11am to 5pm and is free to anyone who has bought a ticket for the park that day.

Call 01303 264647 or see [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net).

## JOE PASQUALE

Saturday, August 23  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



COMEDIAN Joe Pasquale will be regaling the audience with tales of travel during his new stand-up show, Back On The Road.

Last year the comic took a sabbatical with the aim of tracking down the ancient muffin of San Miguel. He claims to have spent time with the great white elephants of Africa and lived with a tribe who named him He Who Runs With The Elephants. Pasquale learned much during his journey, including trivia such as the fact ICI made enough carpet fibre to lay around the world twice and that it is impossible to lick your own elbow.

The former holiday camp entertainer won second place in the TV talent show New Faces in 1987 and went on to



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become a hit with audiences, both on television and the stand-up circuit. He has appeared in six Royal Variety Performances, recorded two An Audience With... shows for ITV and

won I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here in 2004.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50/£15. To book call the box office on 0870 4000 890 or visit [www.leascliffhall.co.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.co.uk).



## ONSLAUGHT

Saturday, August 16  
West Coast Bar, Margate



LEGENDARY metal band Onslaught visits Thanet for the first time this weekend, 25 years after the group first rocked the industry.

The band began life in 1983 and two years later they secured a record deal, their debut album Power From Hell becoming a hit with the emerging thrash

underground. Some of the tracks were to become thrash metal anthems, including Death Metal, which was possibly the first ever use of the term.

With new vocalist Sy Keeler, they released highly acclaimed album The Force – considered by many to be the definitive Onslaught album – and their fame went international. But when Keeler was sacked by London Records and the next, more polished album was rejected

by die-hard fans, things began to dip and the band split in 1991.

Fifteen years later they were back together and, with Keeler at the microphone, fans can now see Onslaught in their full glory.

Local band Panic Cell will provide the main support, while Isolation will open the show.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £8. To reserve call 07530 795612 or email [streetvoice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:streetvoice@yahoo.co.uk).

## SHEPWAY LEISURE

### Children can go really wild during workshops

CHILDREN are invited to join craft workshops and learn about conservation at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park.

The attraction near Hythe is running fun activities near the Totally Wild Bus, next to the children's playground, from Monday to Friday throughout the summer holidays. There is an extra charge for activities but colouring and a visit to the bus are free with a valid park ticket.

There are also daily exit talks from 4pm to 5pm at the education centre, where children can learn about the value of conservation. For more details about the park visit [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net).

### Music on the Marsh to help raise charity cash

A WEEKEND of live music is on offer in the beautiful setting of Romney Marsh with Music On The Marsh.

The free charity event runs from Friday to Sunday and will feature 27 acts performing live at The Star Inn in St Mary's In The Marsh. Collections will be made for Kent Air Ambulance Trust and Demelza House. The event runs from 7-11pm on Friday, 1-11pm on Saturday and noon to 8pm on Sunday. See [www.musiconthemarsh.com](http://www.musiconthemarsh.com).

### Watch the lifeboat take to see at open weekend

MEET the volunteer crew and see them in action at the Dungeness RNLI open day and fete this weekend.

On Sunday visitors will be able to see the lifeboat launched at 1.30pm. There will also be stalls, activities and refreshments. The miniature trains of Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway will be making stops near the lifeboat station.

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# Back for another pop at orchestral manoeuvres

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

NEARLY 40 years ago, a successful rocker began to experiment with a little side project in classically influenced pop.

The musician was Roy Wood and the project was to become one of the world's most successful bands. Once he had recruited the talents of The Idle Race's frontman, Jeff Lynne, the new group began to create rock songs that featured violins, cellos, horns and woodwind to give them classical overtones.

Lynne wrote a song that was intended to be a B-side for The Move, Wood added multiple cellos and it became the Electric Light Orchestra's first song, 10538 Overture.

While still releasing The Move records, Wood and Lynne worked on ELO recordings and in 1971 the band's debut album was finally released.

But early disagreements led to Wood leaving to form Wizzard, taking two members of the band with him. Lynne was to drive the direction of ELO for most of its first incarnation and by the mid-1970s it had become one of the industry's biggest-selling bands.

Violinist Mik Kaminski joined ELO in 1973 and played with them for six years. He later performed with ELO Part II and is now touring with The Orchestra, which also features former ELO members Louis Clark and Kelly Groucutt, and ELO Part II's Eric Troyer, Phil Bates and Gordon Townsend. What's more, the band will play a number of Kent venues later this year as part of a UK tour.

ELO achieved huge success in the US before



**HEAD START:** Mik Kaminski (top left) and The Orchestra will play three Kent venues during their autumn UK tour

gaining the same recognition in the UK. Kaminski, 56, believes it was the entertaining nature of the performances that got American music fans on board.

"It was almost the curiosity factor of seeing two cellists and a violinist wandering around the stage, trying to endanger life," he said. "They found it quite amusing."

It was their sixth album that really made a commercial impact in the UK and ELO's popularity rocketed in their home country, with platinum-selling albums spawning huge hits such as Mr Blue Sky, Wild West Hero and Sweet Talkin' Woman. ELO disbanded in 1988 when

Lynne refused to make a new album, but it was not the end of the story. Former members put together ELO Part II and OrKestra while Lynne made a comeback with a new album in 2001, recorded with just one other returning ELO member, Richard Tandy.

When Bev Bevan disbanded ELO Part II in 2000, the remaining members continued as The Orchestra and are still delighting fans with their live shows.

The Orchestra will be at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford on October 11, Margate Winter Gardens on October 12, and the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on October 24.

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## THE X FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (15)



When a series of mysterious abductions take place and the questionable visions of a priest turn up inexplicable evidence it's a case right out of The X-Files. But the FBI closed down its investigations into the paranormal years ago. And the best team for the job is ex-agents Fox Mulder and Dr Dana Scully, who have no desire to revisit their dark past. Still, the truth of these horrific crimes is out there somewhere... and it will take Mulder and Scully to find it.

## THE DARK NIGHT (12A)



With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, the new 'white knight', Batman has been making headway against local crime... that is until a rising criminal mastermind known simply as The Joker unleashes a fresh reign of chaos across Gotham.

# Maria's in on the action

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

DURING the past 10 years, Maria Bello has been known more for her serious dramatic roles in critically-acclaimed indie hits like *The History Of Violence* and *The Cooler*.

So to see her in a sword-wielding, kick-ass action role in the third *Mummy* film is something of a surprise.

But not for the 41-year-old actress herself. The US star, who takes on the role of Evelyn alongside Brendan Fraser in the film, has long dreamed of starring in an action flick.

"It was a blast," she says. "I dreamed my whole life about being Indiana Jones, even through this career of mine."

"I really wanted to be an action hero so I trained a lot in sword fighting. I had amazing trainers from China and Canada and a great stunt double. I also loved the shooting range. When Brendan had a gun I always wanted a bigger gun. It was a real dream come true for me."

Maria takes over the role of Evelyn from British actress Rachel Weisz who, as a new mum, didn't fancy the long movie shoot in China. As a result, Maria had to adopt Rachel's English accent in the film, which she didn't find easy.

"The thing is, I can do my lines from the movie but if you asked me to do an English accent right now I couldn't do it," she says.

"I have never been very good at the accent. It's funny, though, as my seven-year-old son Jackson still does it once in a while because he heard me talk like that during the movie. He'll say, 'Can I have a spot of tea please mum?'



ACTION: Maria Bello enjoyed her combat training but admits she's no exerciser

This third instalment in *The Mummy* franchise follows explorer Rick O'Connell (Brendan) as he, his son Alex (Luke Ford), wife Evelyn, and her brother Jonathan (John Hannah) head to China where they do battle with evil Mummy, the Dragon Emperor (Jet Li).

Awoken from a 2,000 year curse, the Emperor and his 10,000 warriors threaten to plunge the world into his merciless and cruel service. Only Rick, Alex and Evelyn stand in his way.

The cast and crew found themselves on location in Beijing and Shanghai which Maria describes as an "amazing experience".

"I was there ten years ago and they were in the midst of transition," she explains, "and there was

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a very heavy feeling there. Going back recently was a whole different thing because there's such vitality and hope now.

"China has become an economic and political world power, though I've never been a fan of their politics, like I'm not a fan of George Bush's politics."

"I fell in love with the people there. They are very generous, very kind. I really fell in love with the country. I think it's a place to see right now."

With the likes of martial arts experts Jet Li and Michelle Yeoh on set, the pressure was on for Maria to shape up and fully embrace her new action persona.

However, the actress admits she wasn't quite up to scratch in that department.

"It was really fun but the truth is I'm not an exerciser," she laughs.

"I would never work out. I was eating hotdogs and drinking wine and smoking cigarettes every night. Meanwhile, Brendan Fraser, who has never been more buff in his life, would come to set every day with rice cakes and work out two hours a day. I don't know how he did it."

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**THE SECRET MILLIONAIRE**  
Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday  
**HOUSE OF SADDAM**  
BBC Two, 9pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

DEATH, guns, chasing after villains and high-octane explosions are well and good, and we all need a bit of escapism in our lives, but we all know there's a little more to life than that really.

Every now and then it's nice to feel that television can explore avenues other than just straight forward entertainment which is why Channel 4's Secret Millionaire is usually such a welcome addition to the schedules.

For a show that rarely fails to be engaging, it was, admittedly, not the best of starts.

It fell to a financier James Benamor to make a difference first, but things got off to a muted beginning.

The guy with an aversion to introductions (maybe not the best of attributes for this kind of thing) ditched his Lotus and the trappings of wealth for 10 days and toolled around less than perfect Moss Side in Manchester in a clapped-out Nissan.

Posing as a volunteer youth worker while looking for people to donate sizeable chunks of his £77 million fortune to, James did his best, but episode one just didn't have the emotional resonance of past efforts in the series and never really got going.

As it's a show that lives and dies by how many tears it can wring out of an audience, and indeed its participants, so expect rainy faces before bedtime as we head into the next few episodes and the rest of the series.

While it wasn't the best of begin-



**MONEYBAGS:** Channel 4's Secret Millionaire shows just how innovative the channel can be

nings, the last run was among the best TV on our screens last year and won numerous awards.

It served as a sharp reminder as to why, when they really make the effort, Channel 4 is still our most innovative broadcaster.

What makes this show all the more inspiring is watching those obscenely rich people learn more about life outside their mansions and fawning social set than they ever thought they would.

House of Saddam has been a bit of a hoot these last few weeks as we have watched the Iraqi despot torture, rape and pillage his way to the top of the country's hierarchy in very graphic style.

This all has a very camp feel to it, with some very over the top acting and sets that could well have been stolen from the parking lot of the ill-fated Carry On Columbus, but has nonetheless it has been great fun watching the panto unfold.

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BY RUSSELL GRANT

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A BUSINESS or romantic partner could encourage you to act on a dream. It's never too late to realise your heartfelt desires. Some heavy flirting with a love interest could make life exciting again. If you're already in a relationship, you may want to step up your game.

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### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MAKING more time for pleasurable pursuits is a good idea. Lately, you've been snowed under with family responsibilities. Be ready to hand these duties to someone else so you can have some fun. Your boss may not have a clear idea of what you should be doing.

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BUSINESS matters demand your attention. It's possible you're not being paid enough to perform a difficult job. Be ready to ask for a raise, even if it means confronting a difficult employer. They won't part with money easily, but they'll be unable to argue with your logic.

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LEARNING about a social justice issue could give you a new lease on life. You're determined to make a positive difference. Be wary of casting judgment on a relative. Their feelings are pretty fragile right now. Think back to when you could have benefited from a compassionate attitude.

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YOU'RE about to assume a much more public role.

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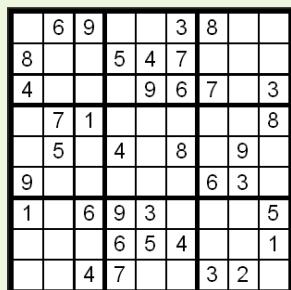
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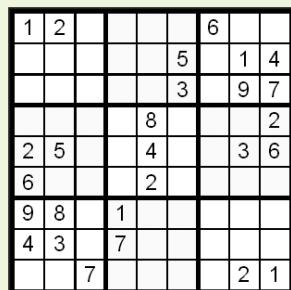
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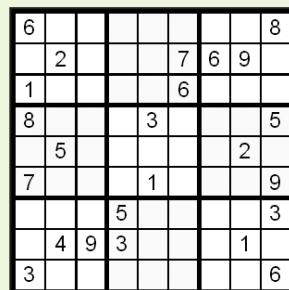
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#### ACROSS

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- 6 Entirely trendy drink, love (2,4)
- 9 During waltz Anderson consumed fish (6)
- 10 Reasonable allowance has a learner's backing (8)
- 11 Form of late education (7,5)
- 13 Mark upset a Fate (5)
- 14 It is linked to offer personal protection (5-4)
- 17 Hard mineral from sink removed first by miser (9)
- 19 Bridge partners always jeer (5)
- 21 Doing a cover-up job on the walls? (12)
- 24 Gun Carol cocked gave loud ringing sound (8)
- 25 Large number of towns, oneis in South Africa (6)
- 26 Lady's short poem? (6)
- 27 Coming from Clare, new novelist (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 In the group a sequoia tree! (4)
- 3 The Parisian maidens upsetting would-be seducer (6,3)
- 4 Speak with another player mesmerised (6)
- 5 And not said hag coming from the city (7)
- 6 New obligation did not include old boy making engraved design (8)
- 7 Goblin to start to go round and round (5)
- 8 Finds extra trouble when made immobile (10)
- 12 Card held at random by loud show-off (4-3-3)
- 15 Middle Eastern horse on lake at zoo (9)
- 16 Disappointment, dingy abode has vent for gas to escape (8)
- 18 Breathtaking feature (7)
- 20 Fungus on beer you and I lifted up (6)
- 22 Indistinct part of old tinge (5)
- 23 Scotsman right to include brandy (4)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 SKO (8)
- 6 Themes (6)
- 9 Openly done (6)
- 10 Snowstorm (8)
- 11 Best selling brand (6,6)
- 13 Follow (5)
- 14 Dishonest schemes (3-2-4)
- 17 Most sweltering (9)
- 19 Aquatic mammal (5)
- 21 Take unfair precedence (4,3,5)
- 24 Prosperous (4-2-2)
- 25 Hit high (6)
- 26 Unaccented (6)
- 27 Omnipotent (8)

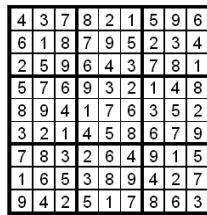
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- 2 Commonsense (4)
- 3 Journalist (9)
- 4 Carriage pulled by an animal (6)
- 5 Picturesque display (7)
- 6 Rehearsal (5,3)
- 7 Open pie (5)
- 8 Tinned meat (6,4)
- 12 Deceptive (10)
- 15 Jazz dance (9)
- 16 One who stays up late (5-3)
- 18 Redwood tree (7)
- 20 Fine parchment (6)
- 22 Cable supporter (5)
- 23 Bodily extremities (4)

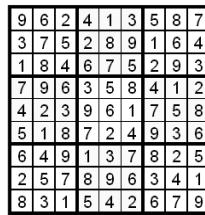
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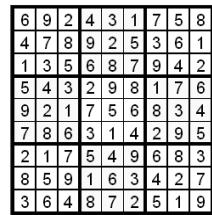
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## A short break is truly capital

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

WE all like London. Whatever we say about 'too many people', 'too much traffic', 'too much...' whatever, we all like it.

It is our nation's capital, there is a buzz about the place which gets to everyone and, if you don't have to work there, it's fun.

From my W1 hotel I'd been promised 'dramatic views across London's skyline' what I actually saw was an office block. But, if I leaned to the left, I could see the London Eye.

Now don't view this as a complaint. I was staying at the swish Cavendish Hotel, just off Piccadilly opposite Fortnum & Masons, in west London as part of an overnight short break, which included a West End show.

The truth is, I've seen London's skyline a thousand times and the giant TV and king size bed were far more interesting. However, had I been one of the trillions of Japanese tourists who had chosen the Cavendish, I might have been a little peeved at the view.

The four-star Cavendish is a great hotel, brilliantly located – especially for the West End and all the theatres and some fantastic restaurants – and you can be staying there in the lap of luxury for a couple of hundred pounds.

But let's take a look at the short break: Firstly, London is cheaper than you think. Forget the stories of it being the most expensive capital in the world and all the other nonsense. Remember, ordinary folk do live there and they can't afford to spend ridiculous money on living just because London attracts the odd rich tourist and City boys scoring £1 million bonuses.

And secondly – an important selling factor in 2008 – is that there's a bit of a recession going on. No sorry, I mean there's a 'credit crunch', so there's less cash about, which means there are bargains galore to be had.

I kid you not. My partner and I sat outside a French restaurant just off Covent Garden (a 10 minute stroll from the hotel) on a warm evening just two weeks ago, where I tucked into the finest onion soup I've ever tasted, then steak-frites, washed down with wine, followed

by coffee. I said goodbye to £35 – for both of us.

And what of the theatre? Well we chose to ignore the obvious Les Misérables, or the spectacularly well-received Billy Elliot, nor were we attracted by Mamma Mia!, we'd chosen to see Never Forget – the musical that brings Take That to the stage at The Savoy Theatre.

My partner is a fan of the boy band and I have no shame in admitting I've absorbed the songs over the years. It really was fun, beauti-

fully produced with fine special effects.

A simple story about five lads forming a tribute band and the singer 'Ash' (Gary Barlow character) learning love means never having to... well do anything really apart from sing and fail to save your mum's pub from repossession. But it romped along and was a great evening that had us dancing in the aisles.

The Cavendish is deserving of its four-stars and breakfast delivered to your room (an extra £21) was a great start to the day. Saturday was spent shopping of course – again be prepared for bargains on everything from trainers and shirts to Fortnum and Masons' finest.

A great weekend and the easy bit for us in Kent is driving to the O2 Arena (A2 all the way) park on a Friday afternoon (£9 until Saturday midnight) and the Jubilee Line takes you to Green Park and the hotel.

Try it, it's a great way to take in a show and sample the best of London... and it doesn't cost the earth.



NEVER FORGET: A weekend at the Cavendish Hotel, shopping and catching a show, can be cheaper than you'd think



by Gary Wright

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Gary Wright was a guest of Superbreak 0871 223 3055 or www.superbreak.com, offering a variety of short breaks to London.

A package combining overnight accommodation in a double room at the four star Cavendish Hotel with full breakfast and a rear stall or upper circle ticket to see Never Forget costs from £134 per person.

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## PROPERTY NEWS



### On the junction of great opportunity

STYLISH one- and two-bedroom apartments in Maidstone will be launched by Ward Homes later this month.

A total of 44 homes are being offered for sale at Maidstone Junction.

Ann Moriarty, sales and marketing director for the company said: "The proximity of the train station is a huge advantage, and whether you want to shop, relax, exercise, or go clubbing – it's all nearby. We're pricing these apartments very competitively so that first-time buyers don't have to compromise with anything less than a great lifestyle in the centre of town."

Many of the apartments have a balcony or terrace and there is an elevated courtyard on the first floor, which will be landscaped to provide an outdoor space for residents.

### Home ownership is still the aim of many

DESIRE to own your own home appears to be showing no sign of abating, despite the recent falls in house prices.

New research commissioned by the New Homes Marketing Board found nine out of 10 people believe buying a home is a sensible investment in the medium or long term.

This is despite surveys from the Land Registry and Rightmove showing prices are continuing to accelerate downwards.

However, the research – which was carried out by YouGov – reveals the economic climate, and not falling prices, is serving to stifle home-ownership ambitions.

About 60 per cent of respondents have put their plans to purchase property on hold, citing difficulties in either obtaining a mortgage or saving the larger deposits required.



GREEN STATEMENT: The next Sustainability Explored workshop takes place at the Pines Calyx venue (pictured) on September 10. Visit [www.sustainabilityexplored.co.uk](http://www.sustainabilityexplored.co.uk)

# Sustainable building can be achieved now

■ BY NICK AMES

THE organisers of a number of conferences in east Kent have called on house builders to change if they are to deliver the homes needed in a world affected by ever-higher fuel costs and global warming.

A series of workshops called Sustainability Explored, aimed at professionals in planning, housing, design and construction, has been staged to help them get to grips with the challenge of producing zero-carbon buildings and sustainable communities needed in Kent in the 21st century.

The workshops, sponsored by English Partnerships and the Carbon Free Group, are

being organised by social enterprise Real Health Ventures, in the Pine Calyx venue in St Margaret's.

Jae Mather of the Carbon Free Group said: "Developers keep saying zero carbon homes are expensive to build, yet we can prove they are wrong and we'll be featuring a design which will cost only £1,100 a square metre, only marginally more costly than a conventional house being built today. What is more, they use proven technologies and can be built now. We'll be telling people how that can be done."

The idea for the workshops came from members of the Carbon Free Group of environmental businesses, who are working together

to apply low-carbon building techniques.

They say that to construct energy-efficient buildings, the whole industry needs to acquire new skills and understand how to use new technologies and techniques.

"There have been a lot of developments in the ways people think about building low carbon, sustainable buildings, particularly homes" says Alistair Gould of the Pines Calyx.

"Our own building is a great example, but there is a pressing need for the whole industry to really understand what is involved. These are exciting times, but also confusing with new regulations, new designs, new technologies."

"So far the mainstream industry has been very slow in changing, but the pace of change is going to accelerate in the coming years. We are giving people a chance to get up to speed."

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DOVER



£118,500

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DEAL



£125,000

One bedroom first floor retirement flat with resident House Manager.

DOVER



£125,000

Two bedroom terrace house with downstairs bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating and rear courtyard garden. Viewing recommended.

DOVER



£150,000

Three bedroom end of terrace house, gas central heating, double glazing, gardens, loft room, garage en bloc.

RIVER



£155,000

Two bedroom end of terrace house with double glazing and gas central heating. No chain.

WALMER



£164,950

Three bedroom end of terrace house with double glazing, gas central heating gardens and garage. No chain.

DOVER



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Four bedroom terrace house with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating and garden.

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MARTIN MILL



£250,000

Internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the character of this three bedroom former coach house in a rural location.

LYDDEN



£325,000

Five bedroom detached bungalow with established gardens and off road parking in rural location with countryside views. Viewing highly recommended.

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CHERITON



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An older style terrace house comprising: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Double glazed doors. 60° rear garden. No chain.

FOLKESTONE



OIEO £134,995

Second floor retirement apartment comprising: entrance hall, lounge, newly fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Lift access. Double glazing. 24 hour warden service.

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This three storey property has no chain and comprises: two reception rooms, four bedrooms, Kitchen, bathroom, separate W/C and shower room.

DENSOLE



£139,950

A modern style terrace house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Rear garden, gas central heating. Double glazing. No chain.

FOLKESTONE



£149,950

Older style terrace house comprising: lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom/WC, four bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Courtyard garden.

FOLKESTONE



£137,950

3 storey property in a cul-de-sac with no chain. There is a lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC on the first floor, whilst the attic conversion provides the master bedroom.

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OIEO £165,000

2nd floor apartment with lift facilities and allocated parking for two cars, comprising: entrance hall, two bedrooms, one with en-suite, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances and bathroom.

FOLKESTONE



£179,995

End of terrace house situated in Broadmead Village and comprising: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Gas central heating. Double glazing. En bloc garage. Gardens.

DENSOLE



£205,000

Modern style detached bungalow in cul-de-sac location comprising: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Garages and gardens.

FOLKESTONE



£208,995

Semi-detached chalet style property in a cul-de-sac and comprising: bathroom/WC, kitchen, 2 receptions and 4 bedrooms. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Gardens. Garage. Off road parking. ORP. Double garage.

HAWKINGE



£149,950

Modern style semi-detached house comprising: entrance hall/study, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom/GCH. Double glazing. Two car parking. Garden. No chain.

HAWKINGE



£279,995

Detached house comprising: lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, reception room, study, 4 bedrooms 2 en-suites and bathroom/WC. GCH. DG. Gardens. ORP. Double garage.



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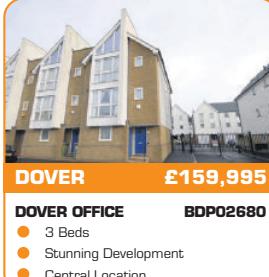
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- Balcony Frontage



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- Central Location



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**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02637

- 2 Bedroom Top Floor Flat
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- Access To Town, No Chain



**FOLKESTONE** £134,995

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- 4 Bedroom Family Home
- 2 Receptions, No Chain
- Central Heating, Double Glazing



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- GFCH, Double Glazing
- Superb Order Throughout



**CHERITON** £185,000

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- Large Garden, Off Road Parking
- No Chain



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Grand 1st floor apartment with outstanding town and coastal views. Lavish accommodation with large principle rooms and balcony to the front elevation are complemented by 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and large hallway. Viewing a must.



**DYMCHURCH GUIDE £275,000**

Substantially bigger than it looks - detached family chalet bungalow with 4 bedrooms, study, 2 reception rooms, large rear sun lounge, bathroom and en-suite. Pretty rear garden with plenty of parking and close to the beach.



**DYMCHURCH GUIDE £150,000**

Re-offered but you'll need to be quick. Opportunity to buy a piece of Dymchurch history. Ground floor shop with rear store, upper 2 bed flat. Lots of work required - may create 2 units.



**LYDD GUIDE £174,995**

Barely 3 years old - almost as new. Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom home with kitchen / diner, en-suite shower, bathroom, living room and pretty rear garden. Garage and views to open fields.



**HYTHE GUIDE £329,950**

Located on the boundary of Hythe a stones throw to the beach. Offering 3 double bedrooms, large lounge, modern kitchen and bathroom. Unique Scandinavian Bar-be-que hut, large double garage with rear accommodation.



**SELLINGDE GUIDE £249,995**

Backing onto open fields with glorious views. Detached family home in need of some modernisation but ready to occupy. 4 bedrooms, very large living room, rear sun-lounge. Bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room. Garage and plenty of parking.

## Semi Detached 1930's Character Property

**Hythe Office**  
104 High Street, Hythe  
Tel: 01303 264776

**Dymchurch Office**  
8 High Street, Dymchurch  
Tel: 01303 870600

**Ground floor shop:** Large Reception 15'6" x 10'0" + Bay Window, a down stairs toilet 4'x 4", Treatment Room 14'10" x 9'8" with Patio Door to 160ft long garden. Parking space for up to four cars, presently running as beauty salon (not included in sale) on a busy main road.

### Selling Price & Tenure

**Selling Price 1:** £255,000

**Business Details:** Presently running as beauty salon (not included in sale) but negotiable.

Annual T/O 25-30K (Open 3.5 days p/w)

**Business Details:** Ground floor shop: Large Reception 15'6" x 10'0" + Bay Window, a down stairs toilet 4'x 4", treatment Room 14'10" x 9'8" with Patio Door to a 160ft long garden. Parking space for up to four cars, presently running as beauty salon (not included in sale) on a busy main road.

### Accommodation Details

**Is accommodation included with this business:** Yes

**Number of bedrooms:** 2 doubles

**Accommodation Details:** 1930 Character Property, in good order throughout.

**Upstairs:** Bathroom 5'6" - 5'0", Separate toilet 4' x 3'6", large lounge / diner 15'6" x 12'9", Bed(1) 14'10" x 9'8", Bed(2) 11'5" x 7'5" and kitchen 10'10" x 7'5", fully equipped + Bay Window (down stairs).

**Outside:** 1 Outbuilding 9'10" x 6'0" and 1 Wood Shed 12' x 9' (optional). Partially boarded Loft potential for extension.

### Location Details

**Town:** Kennington

**Area:** Kent

**Location Details:** Property is in a two mile radius of Ashford centre close to Ashford International Station, bus routes, schools, 5min to M20 / J9 and 5min to Eureka Leisure Park.

### Contact Details

**Vanessa:** 07769626760



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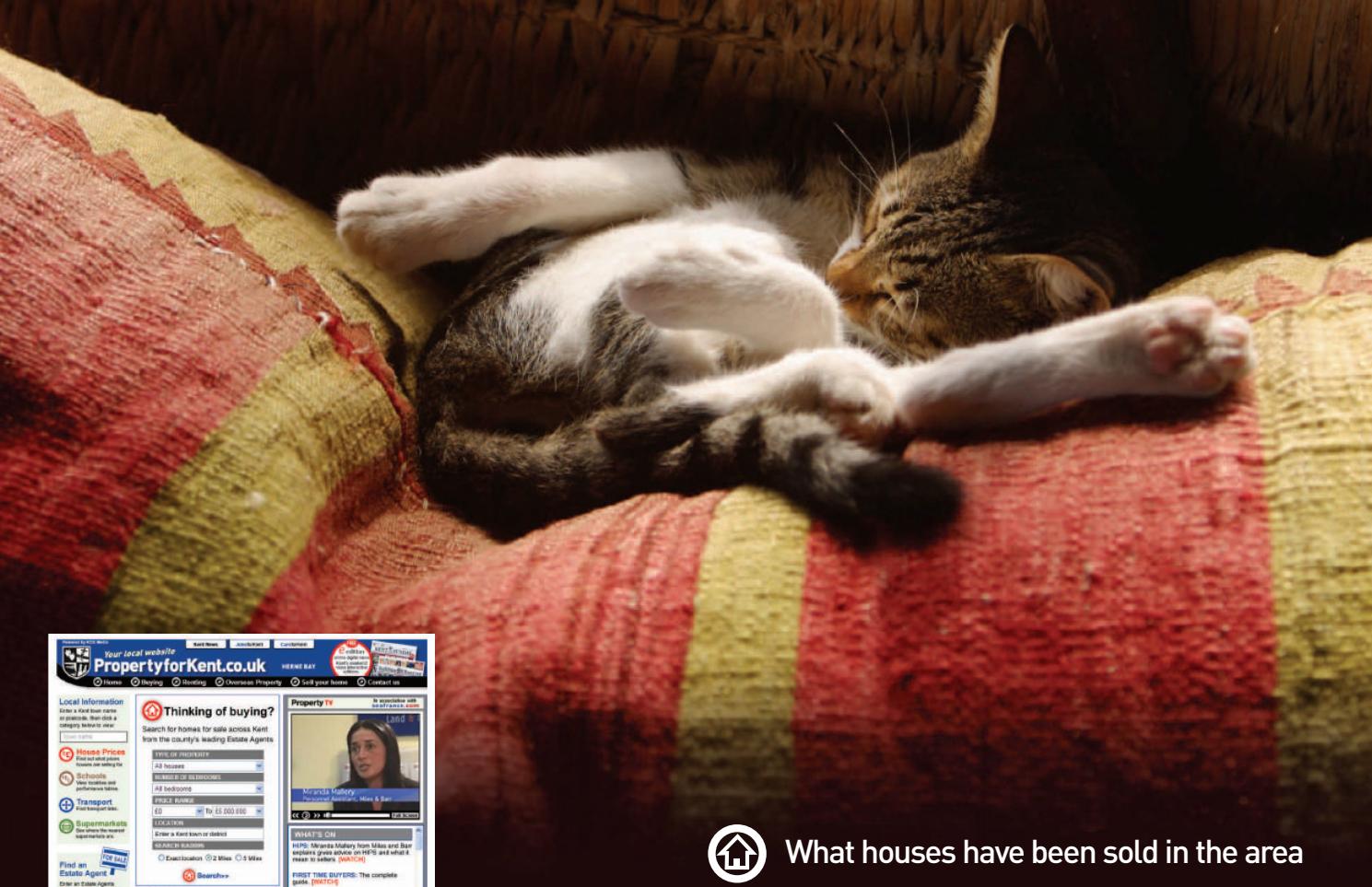
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## MOTORS NEWS



### 'Dream launch' for new £3m KAP mega-site

KAP Motor Group enjoyed a 'dream launch' for its new £3 million Peugeot/Nissan site at Ashford Orbital Park over the weekend, according to MD Graham Furneaux.

Though coy about the number of cars sold, the figure was twice that expected and added up to a good mix of new and used cars as well as smaller models now attracting cash-strapped buyers.

"There's a lot negativity around, but if the deal is right then this proves you can do business," said Mr Furneaux.

"We many existing customers from our Folkestone site, but new faces too."



### Cherokee changes tact with upmarket styling

JEEP revolutionised its UK image with the original Cherokee and aims to revitalise the model name with an all-new car this month, riding on a new suspension and steering system for better on-road manners.

Jeep says the Cherokee is moving upmarket too with a leather interior, heated front seats with memory adjustment, climate control, electric windows and cruise control all as standard.

The newcomer, priced from £24,595, has an optional 'Sky Slider' powered full-open canvas roof 2.5 times the size of a regular sunroof.



### Ford boss predicts that Ka Two will be a big hit

FORD'S all-new Ford Ka will echo the look of the big-selling original when it goes on sale in November after a joint project with Fiat.

Ford of Britain boss Roelant de Waard said: "The original has been a huge hit in the UK with a sales record of more than 480,000 – 80 per cent of which have been to retail customers, and many of those first-time buyers. I'm confident the latest design will prove just as big a hit."



**NEW LOOK:** Like the original, the new '6' is sizeable, but now looks sleeker and feels lighter thanks to Mazda's obsession with shedding weight, helping the car grip and run true on bends

# Mazda hits drivers with yet another stunning '6'

## ROAD TEST MAZDA6

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

status of the 'Zoom Zoom' brand have moved upmarket – reflected by strong second-hand values for the first generation car – and that many buyers like the idea of a greener family-size model rather than downsizing their car choice.

All engines have been carried over from the old car, but tweaked to cut CO2 emissions, fuel consumption and road tax.

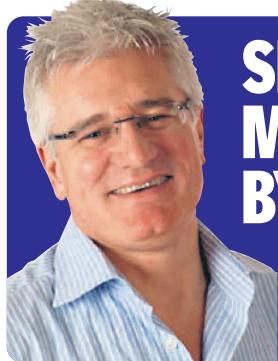
The cabin is airy and well-arranged with excellent head and legroom front and back and the part leather seats of our Sport model were comfortable and supportive.

Interior materials feel more solid now, even if the 'alloy' grey plastic sometimes looks what it is rather than what it pretends to be.

The controls and dashboard are logical though, while the large saloon and hatchback boot and the estate's load space echo what went before.

Mazda's one-lever-does it all 'Karakuri' rear seat folding mechanism has also yet to be bettered – there's no messing about with seat belts and head rests to flatten the load floor.

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### FORD FOCUS



BRITAIN'S favourite car. Or is it? Some say it's number one through Ford's formidable market share. Fair point, but the Focus is also great to drive, practical, well-made and blessed with good engines. For second-hand buyers there is a fantastic choice of power – including the rapid ST – trim levels and body styles: a smart saloon and estate plus a coupé convertible. The car's popularity and ordinary looks are a weakness though and reason enough for some buyers to look elsewhere.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### VAUXHALL ASTRA



SUFFERS like the Focus from being a common sight, thanks to its lofty new car top-ten sales position. But nobody could accuse the Astra of being dreary looking; Renault Megane aside, it is the most sharply-styled family hatchback on sale. Vauxhall has also differentiated between the three-door model and the five-door workhorse. There is a longer wheelbase estate too. Engine options, including impressive Fiat-derived diesels, are some of the best in the business.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### VW GOLF



IT costs extra to get into a Golf, signalling the power of a more premium bonnet badge. Highly-regarded diesels also keep used prices up, while the GTI hot hatch lends glamour to the whole range. Interior quality and ambience is top-notch too and the driving experience is possibly best in class. That said, the Golf suffers from fairly dull styling and some buyers might be tempted by sexier and cheaper used rivals such as the Citroën C4 and Megane.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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2005, SKODA FABIA 1.9 TD VRS 5-Dr Hatchback, Diamond Silver, grey/black sports cross-tuck, a/c, alloys, cd, immobiliser, 28273 miles .....	£8995
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## Other Makes

### £1500 Minimum Part Exchange On Selected Used Cars Be Quick This Offer Is Only On Till Saturday 16th August

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2006, VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.9 CDTI 16V EXECUTIVE, met blue, fsh, full electric pack, alloys, 23000 miles.....	£9495
2004, VAUXHALL VECTRA 2.2 16V DIRECT DESIGN, silver, automatic, full electric pack, fsh .....	£5995
2006 TOYOTA COROLLA 1.6 VVTI COLOUR COLLECTION, met blue, full electric pack, alloys, fsh, one owner, 16000 miles .....	£8795
2005, CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 HDi Exclusive 5-Door MPV, Blue, black velours corinthien bleu, abs, alarm, c/l, alloys, cd, c/l, 32295 miles .....	£7995

2004, KIA SEDONA 2.9 CRDI LE MPV AUTOMATIC, Blue, ABS, PAS, c/l, e/w, roof rails, electric \$heated door mirrors, 43,500 miles .....	£7995
2003, SEAT ALHAMBRA 2L 7 Seat 5 Door MPV, Met Silver with Grey Cloth interior, Manual, Air Con, .....	£6,990
2002, FORD RANGER 2.5TD XLT Double Cab 4x4 Pick up, Met Blue with Black Leather interior, Automatic .....	£5,495
2003, FORD MONDEO 2.5 GHIA X AUTOMATIC 5-Door Hatchback, Blue, black leather, alloys, alarm, abs, c/l, cd, c/c, 43500 miles.....	£4995
2002, DAIHATSU TERIOS SL, 5 Dr 1.3 16v, Silver, FSH, 2 owners...	£4995



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ACCORD, I-VTEC SE Executive Auto, 6184079, rear headrests, full leather, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, twin air bags, cruise control, electric sunroof, colour satnav, alloy wheels, silver, 47400 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ACCORD, Type-V, y915 mrx, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, height adjustable seat, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, green, 54600 miles, £4695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

## ALFA ROMEO

146 TI, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will one day become a collectors item, this car is a 2 owner from new with full service history mainly , a test drive is welcome as well as any inspection, px is available against this car, red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

147, Tspark 16v Lusso 3dr, g904fnrc, immobiliser, remote alarm, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, radio, alloy wheels, black, 38000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

147, JTD 20, g57fge, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, grey, 14000 miles, £1395, Thame Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0, gk08owr, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, du06wcf, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, black, 8000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

XSARA 2.0 TDI ESTATE HDI, 2004 (54), 04 (54) citroen xsara 2.0 lx turbo diesel hd estate, stunning metallic cherry

coachwork with charcoal trim, full service history, 2 former keepers, air con, a well looked after example, only £3995, metallic cherry red, only 84000 miles, £3995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

## CHEVROLET

COUPE, LTX 2.0, gk08owr, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, du06wcf, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple

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## Fiat

500, Sport, gl57cfg, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, red, 3000 miles, £10495, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

## KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LS [7 Seat], 2007, alloys drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors sunroof parking aid roof rails, silver, 13110 miles, £11995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, 4432314, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 999 miles, £7495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

## BMW

318 SE SALOON, 2002, 02 (02) bmw 318i se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 25000 miles, £5489, A 1 Carriages, Crawford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

## KALOS

S 1.2, g57gxx, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

## LACETTI

SX 5dr, gk56lzl, folding rear seats, height adjustable seat, head restraints, anti-theft system, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 25000 miles, £5489, A 1 Carriages, Crawford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

## CITROEN

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### DOWN TO MARGATE!

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### LOVELY LADY...

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Fast approaching a winter of discontent, 46, tall, bright could be my log fire and toasted marshmallow? Box 918163

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Slim build female, 46, 5ft11, easygoing, happy natured, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443166

### IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5fts, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar that I can love with! Box 436810

### SANDY SKEEKS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOSH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441000

### LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397

### ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46y old female, 5ft2, eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

### TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Caring person with GSOSH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

### BE MY FRIEND & LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952

### HOPING & LOVE FOREVER

Professional female, 49, Brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for long-term relationship. Box 443198

### ALONE THAT'S FINE

Outgoing, friendly female, 69, 5ft2, likes going out, likes dancing, bowls, socialising, cinema, concerts, seeking someone similar for friendship and companionship. Box 443092

### NEED A FRIEND?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, loves night outs, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more times later on. Box 889800

### COULD IT BE YOU?

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### RUNNING ON FAME

Divorced, 44, 5ft11, tall, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, 35, GSOSH, seeking a mate for friendship and fun. Box 442063

### ROMANCE IS ALIVE

Divorced, lively female, 35, GSOSH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty and romance. Box 813930

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Ref: CFE/08/0376

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It will take place in the Corn Exchange in the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells on September 7 from 11am until 3pm. There will be 25 different cruise brands present.

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### UK tax breaks attract research businesses

BRITAIN is highly attractive for research and development activities according to a detailed study of tax costs in 35 cities in 10 countries around the world conducted by KPMG International.

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# Unlock your potential with finance scheme

A VITAL financial resource for small firms is being overlooked, according to a recent report.

Two out of every three UK accountants say the Small Firms Loan Guarantee Scheme is an attractive form of finance for business clients – but clients don't use it enough, according to an independent study.

In fact, the problem is not confined to just the clients says Venture Finance, which has an office in Canterbury – on a regional basis, half of accountants surveyed throughout London and the South were actually unaware of the scheme.

The scheme provides guarantees against loans of up to £250,000 for companies with minimal business assets or a lack of security, making it a vital resource for many businesses. In April the Government announced major changes to the rules.

It made the scheme open to many more businesses by increasing the turnover level up to £5.6 million, with Chancellor Alastair Darling also announcing a 60 per cent increase in scheme funding.

Despite these changes which should work to the benefit of UK businesses, it seems that there is still a huge number unaware of it, suggesting that there is still has a lot of work to let people it's available.

Tim Bourner, business development manager of Venture Finance in Canterbury, said: "As the first independent invoice financier to be authorised as a lender of the scheme, we have witnessed first hand the positive impact this injection of funds can have on a company.

"Given the benefits it can give, and the recent improvements that have been introduced, it's disappointing that so many still don't know about it.

"Nearly a fifth of the accountants we spoke to are already recommending the scheme and it would be great to see this figure grow.

"As one of the key sources of financial advice to businesses there is a real opportunity for accountants to play an important role in providing unbiased guidance on funding options and support throughout

■ BY TONY PATEY

the scheme application process."

Venture Finance is an award-winning invoice financier, which has helped thousands of clients across the UK, from start-ups to businesses in the £200m turnover bracket.

Basically, the scheme is for small to medium-sized enterprises, which need funds but can't get a conventional loan because they don't have assets to offer as security.

The Small Firms Loan Guarantee provides lenders with a government guarantee against default in certain circumstances.

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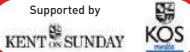


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# Twenty20 World Cup perfect showcase for ladies

Picture ADY KERRY



WAY FORWARD: Edwards feels Twenty20 cricket will help the women's game grow

## England youth lose battle with weather

RAIN disrupted both England under-19 internationals against New Zealand played at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury.

The hosts got off to a good start in the best-of-five match series, winning the first match by six wickets on Friday.

The players went off three times for rain and once for bad light, but captain Tom Westley hit an unbeaten 46 to see England home with seven balls to spare.

In the second game a day later only 44 overs were possible, with England on 231-8 when play was washed out.

James Goodman, the only Kent youngster in the 14-man squad, missed out on selection for both matches.

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England cricket captain Charlotte Edwards talks about the impact of Twenty20

## ECB's sticky wicket

KENT captain Rob Key has criticised the England and Wales Cricket Board's pitch panel system after they took no action against Durham on Friday.

The rain affected County Championship match finished early on the third day, with 40 wickets falling for just 465 runs.

The ECB convened a pitch panel to inspect the wicket, but after interviewing the umpires and both captains they decided to take no action.

Key said: "I don't expect [the ECB] to change their decision."

"I expect them to hopefully learn from it, I don't think this panel is the way forward."

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KENT and England captain Charlotte Edwards believes the global success of Twenty20 cricket can help increase the profile of the women's game and encourage more girls into the sport.

The 28-year-old, who has led England to back-to-back Ashes victories, will captain her side in the inaugural women's Twenty20 World Cup next summer, with the final played before the men's showpiece at Lord's.

If they could reach the final it would, according to Edwards, allow the England players to showcase their skills in front of millions of fans.

She said: "It is a dream come true for us really as it is a great time to

## CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

showcase the women's game on a global scale. We are excited to think that maybe we could get to a semi-final and then the final and play before the men's game, it would be a great occasion for everyone.

"We have a lot to play for before then, but ultimately that is what we are all playing towards."

"Twenty20 has really caught on and it is the question I am asked most about at the moment, along with the Indian Premier League.

"Hopefully they will have a women's IPL so I won't have to worry about money for the rest of my life, but it is exciting times in cricket at the moment for men and women."

"Next year with the Twenty20 World Cup being here is brilliant and hopefully that money will come streaming in."

The England team, which also includes Kent players Lydia Greenway and Lynsey Askew, comprehensively won the first of five One-Day Internationals against South Africa at the St Lawrence Ground on Wednesday. Edwards took 2-10 to help put England 2-0 up in the series as South Africa were thrashed by 225 runs at Lord's on Friday.



DAY OF DESTINY: Kent have not contested a Lord's final since 1998 and captain Rob Key (above) is hoping for victory in Saturday's game against rivals Essex

# Key knows importance of place in Lord's final

KENT will attempt to put the disappointment of last month's Twenty20 finals defeat behind them when they contest their first Lord's final in 11 years on Saturday.

The Spitfires play Essex Eagles at the home of cricket for the 50-over Friends Provident Trophy.

It is the first time Kent have contested a Lord's final since losing to Surrey in the 1998 Benson & Hedges Cup.

It will also be the first time captain Rob Key has played in a Lord's final after 10 years at Kent and he believes the long wait heightens the importance for the county.

He said: "I think it does mean more. The first time around you don't quite know what to expect. We would rather get on with the game but you have quite a lot of build-up."

"Along with the Twenty20 finals day it's the biggest day of the year. I don't think many of our side have played in a Lord's final, it's quite a special time."

The prospect of making the final seemed dis-

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tant at the beginning of the competition as Kent lost their first two matches in the group stage.

Even qualifying for the quarter-finals looked unlikely at that stage, but Key's side reeled off five successive wins to take them through to the last eight.

### Confidence

The Spitfires skipper picked out Justin Kemp's 68 from 79 balls against Sussex as the turning point which began their charge to the final.

He said: "We didn't know what was going on at the start, on paper we knew we were a good side so it was a bit worrying."

"I think Justin Kemp's innings against Sussex, which got us home for our first win, was a big moment and then we went straight to the Oval and beat Surrey, that's when we started to believe how good we were."

"No matter how good the team is you do lose confidence with defeats, but Justin turned it round pretty quickly for us."

Tight bowling at the death saw Kent past Somerset at Beckenham to reach the last four.

Martin van Jaarsveld, who has been in terrific form this season, helped Kent dominate the semi-final at Durham. The South African hit 122 not out as the defending champions were comfortably beaten by 84 runs.

Saturday's game will be the sixth time Kent have met Essex this season. The Spitfires have the edge with three wins to two, but the final is predicted to be a close affair.

They last met at the Rose Bowl on Twenty20 finals day last month, with Kent winning by 14 runs.

Demand for tickets at the St Lawrence Ground was high when they went on sale last month, with the Spitfires applying for an extra allocation after selling the initial batch of 4,000.

• For all the latest from Lord's, log on to [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) on Saturday.

• Email sports@kosmedia.co.uk

# Hess' being realistic about favourites tag

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic boss Andy Hessianthalier has brushed off suggestions his side are favourites for the Ryman Premier League which begins this weekend.

The Whites cantered to the Ryman Division One South title last season and a summer of shrewd signings, including winger Jeralh Hughes, Sammy Moore and defender Olly Schulz have ensured they should be fighting in the top half of the league.

Hessianthalier is ready for the challenge of competing in a higher division and feels his squad will be in contention for a place in the play-offs come the end of the season.

Hessianthalier told Yourshepway: "I do not see ourselves as favourites for the title, but we are a big club and if we were not challenging for the play-offs I will be disappointed."

"To win back-to-back titles would be fantastic, but there are a lot of difficult teams in this division."

"The squad is in good shape and we have had a decent pre-season. We have had a couple of defeats, but if you look at the sides we have been up against like Gillingham, Charlton and Dagenham & Redbridge and they have all been tough tests. My players are really ready and raring to go."

Dover will begin their assault on the Ryman Premier League by taking on Harrow Borough at home this Saturday. Borough escaped relegation last year by just two points, but Hessianthalier is expecting a tough game.

He added: "We have not got a bad start with Harrow at home. It is nice to have a home tie to kick things off as we didn't have that last year. We have done our homework and had them watched. I am sure it will be a good test for us."

The kick-off at Crabble is at 3pm.



RARING TO GO: Dover Athletic boss Andy Hessianthalier believes his side can make the play-offs in their Ryman Premier League campaign which begins on Saturday at home to Harrow Borough

## Cugley targets top six but urges for patience

## FOOTBALL

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley believes it may take some time for his new-look side to gel, but expects to be a top-six side by the end of the season.

Invicta suffered relegation from the Ryman Premier last season and have undergone major personnel changes during the summer.

Key players from last term such as Leigh Bremner, Roland Edge and Samuel Kola Okikiolu have departed, but Cugley has brought in a host of replacements.

He said: "It has been a bit hectic and we need to really sit down and get the players to know each other. It will take time, you have only got to look at Saturday's game with Tooting & Mitcham [a 3-0 pre-season friendly defeat], they have been together for three years and it showed.

"We are hoping to build something for the longer term here.

"I don't think there is much difference between the two divisions. The top five or six teams are always quite good and we want to be one of those."

Two more players signed ahead of the start of the season on



RETURN: Jimmy Dryden began his second spell at Invicta with five goals in pre-season

Saturday. Left wing-back Mark Green joined from Ryman North champions Dartford and Dover midfielder Byron Walker signed after impressing in pre-season.

Folkestone open the season away to Worthing, but striker Craig Wilkin is ruled out after undergoing knee surgery. He is expected to be out for a month, with Cugley looking for a temporary replacement to partner frontman Jimmy Dryden.

Charlie Mitten, Matt Bourne, Michael Everitt and James Corbett are all set to return after minor knocks in pre-season.

## Hythe off to a winner as subs stake their claim

## FOOTBALL

DAVE Cook scored the fastest goal in the Kent League's opening round of fixtures to help Hythe Town get off to a good start at home against Sevenoaks Town.

The midfielder, who briefly left Hythe during the summer, was brought down in the penalty area and converted the spot-kick himself after five minutes.

The much-travelled Andy Constable levelled the match, but Hythe's substitutes turned the game decisively in the home side's favour after the break.

Craig Southern, Gary Mickelborough and Winfield all influenced the game after their introduction. Dale Skelton put Hythe in front just before the hour and Winfield added the third with three minutes to go.

It was not a vintage performance from Town, but manager Paul Fisk was pleased with the result.

He said: "I would have loved to play well, but the three points is the key. It was wet and windy so we had to knuckle down and get through with determination.

"I don't really know what my strongest XI is at the moment, the substitutes did well."



CONTENT: Hythe boss Paul Fisk was happy to win a scrappy game against Sevenoaks

On Saturday, Hythe begin their FA Cup campaign with a trip to Sussex side Papham.

Last season the team enjoyed a good run and knocked out Dover in a memorable cup tie at Reachfields.

Fisk is hoping for more of the same this season.

He said: "It's a very important competition for clubs like us, there is added pressure with prize money at stake. Last season's run gave the club a lot of money to help keep it running."

LISA DOBRISKEY'S  
OLYMPIC Diary  
Beijing 2008

Middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey is competing in the Olympic 1500m later this month. Throughout the next fortnight the Ashford-born athlete will be sending exclusive regular updates from Team GB...

### Friday, August 8

THINGS are starting to brighten up in every sense of the word. The weather has improved after yesterday's typhoon, I slept well last night and today is my rest day and the start of the Games.

My coach arrived here yesterday and I've spent most of the day with him. It does feel strange knowing the Olympics are almost starting and I'm not going to be there for another week.

### Saturday, August 9

I HAD my final big track session this morning and I'm pleased to say it went really well. The weather has picked up now and it was 40 degrees on the track and very humid so perfect preparation for Beijing.

We watched the opening ceremony here last night and it was strange seeing everything start and still being so far away.

The hotel staff made a huge cake to share with all those left behind so we had a little party of our own. It was exciting seeing it all and knowing I'll be there soon, although it's also a bit nerve-wracking.

I've been out into the centre of Macau this afternoon to try and stay in the heat and humidity to acclimatise.

It was nice to have a look around, as although I compete and train in lots of places I rarely see anything other than the hotel and the track.

### Sunday, August 10

I HAD a long run this morning which went well although I struggled with the humidity slightly and the heat was quite energy sapping. I have had physio and a massage this afternoon and the rest of the day has been spent relaxing by reading and watching the Olympics on TV.

A lot of the team leave for Beijing tomorrow morning and my roommate leaves on Tuesday, so I imagine things will start to feel a bit lonely.

I'm training twice tomorrow so have got a slightly more eventful day to look forward to.

Lisa x

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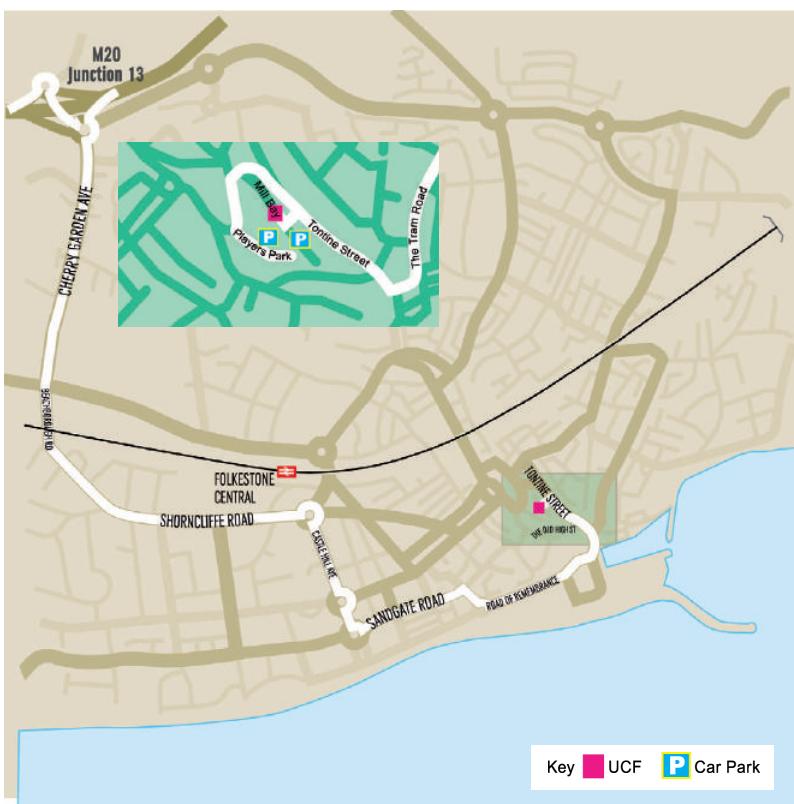
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